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Interim Approval for the FY 2008-2011 STIP

I am writing to provide an interim approval of the new FY 2008-2011 STIP. This approval is effective today and will remain in effect until FHWA and FTA complete their review and issue a formal approval letter. You may now advance projects from the new e-STIP.

As discussed by phone, this interim approval will prevent any gaps in the ability of MDOT and local agencies to advance projects. We anticipate a formal approval letter by February 5th. This short delay will allow us to make a thoughtful review of the final elements arriving in our office this afternoon.

In this interim period, we request that no amendments be sent to us for action until we issue the formal approval letter and return the approved e-STIP files. We will be entering the Federal approval date on these files which will become the official record and working files for maintaining the STIP and its amendments.

Our staffs have been working hard to bring all of the pieces together for approval of the new STIP and we can be proud of the collective progress made.

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